Anomalies with regard to drugs in category I and II

*329. DR. NARREDDY THULSI REDDY :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 72 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1993 and state : (a) what are the names of drugs falling under category I and II separately in regard to which anomalies and discrepancies were brought to the notice of Government ;

(b) when was each brought to the notice of government and in how many cases anomalies and discrepancies were removed and in how many cases the same are still pending ; and

(c) whether Government have made any study to find out the reasons for such anomalies, if so, what are the details of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) Numerous representations received by the Government during the year 1988 to 1990 involved a large number of drugs, both under and outside the price control and in many a cases opposite views were expressed in different representations on the same item. The whole matter has been examined and forms the part of the Background Note on the Review of Drug Policy placed on the Table of the House on 12-8-1992 for discussion.

Revision of pay scale of LDCs and UDCs

*330. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the pay scales of UDCs and LDCs keeping in view the enhanced pay scales of pay scales of Assistance and UDCs ? Rs. 1640—2900 ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter ; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor and in what manner Government propose to minimise the difference of pay scales of Assistance and UDCs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The considerations on which the pay scale of Assistance were modified are not applicable in the case of UDCs.

Science Policy

*331. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY :

SHRI V. GOPALASAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a Science Policy ;

(b) if so what are the salient features of the policy ;

(c) by when the policy is likely to be announced by Government ;

(d) whether Government in the past conducted any consultations with organisations/individuals etc. regarding the formulation of the policy ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (e) The Scientific Policy Resolution of 1958 continues to be the guiding spirit for scientific activities of the country. A Technology Policy Statement was made in 1983.

In the context of various changes introduced in the economic system of the country, a draft paper on a new Technology Policy has been prepared. The draft new Policy has taken into consideration various elements such as Technology and Society; Technology and Environment ; Human Skills; Thrust Areas ; Linkages and Monitoring. The draft paper so prepared has been circulated to — Members of Parliament, Ministries/Departments, Scientists and Technologists, Academia, R & D Institutions, Industries, Industry Associations, Scientific agencies of the State Governments etc., to solicit their views/observations/recommendations. In this regard regional as well as State Level discussions have also been held. The inputs so received were compiled and analysed to incorporate suitable corrections to the draft.